

SOUTH DAVIS COUNTY TRANSIT DEIS

Salt Lake City Sub-Committee Meeting No. 1 - Summary

Project:

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Meeting Purpose:

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Meeting

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

March 21, 2007

Location:

Salt Lake City Hall

Attendee

Kerry Doane

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Meeting Summary:**Project History**

Kim Clark began by giving a brief overview of the South Davis Transit Study DEIS. She explained that the South Davis Transit Study will follow on from two transit studies previously undertaken for this region. These include work undertaken by the Legacy Parkway Community Planning Information Committee and a Feasibility Analysis undertaken by the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC). She noted that while the South Davis Transit Study will consider the work that has been previously undertaken, it will not necessarily be built upon the findings from these studies. It was noted that the outcome of the WFRC Feasibility Study did not gain consensus from all of the affected communities.

FTA Process

Kerry Doane provided a brief overview of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Process. The FTA is responsible for assisting transit agencies throughout the United States. While the FTA provides some fixed funding, funding is also awarded on a nationally competitive basis. Therefore transit projects in Utah will compete with projects in other states for funding. The FTA process is rigorous and well defined. It focuses on specific areas including ridership forecasting, cost effectiveness and community consensus. Kerry Doane explained that one of the purposes of the South Davis Transit Study is to ensure eligibility for this funding. In keeping

with FTA's process, Phase I of the South Davis Transit Study will include an Alternatives Analysis process and identification of a Locally Preferred Alternative. Phase II of the project will include the development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Study Area

Kim Clark outlined the study area. The north and south limits of the study area are 400 South in Downtown Salt Lake City to the US-89 / Legacy Parkway / I-15 Interchange in Farmington. The east and west limits of the project are Legacy Parkway / I-215 to the mountain range / State Street.

Public Involvement Process

Kim Clark provided a brief overview of the public involvement process. She explained that each of the sub-committees will assist the project team in the following tasks:

- Define Goals and Objectives
- Document Existing and Future conditions
- Develop a Purpose and Need Statement
- Create Evaluation Criteria
- Identify and Screen Alternatives

Representatives from each of the sub-committees will attend the regional workshop meetings. These workshops aim to bring together ideas and information collected during the sub-committee meetings and other community outreach activities and develop regional transportation solutions. Kim Clark outlined other outreach activities that have been incorporated into the project including a project website, open community meetings etc.

Identification of Needs Exercise

Following is a list of needs identified by the Salt Lake City Sub-Committee members, grouped into general categories.

Transfers

- Connect all transit modes to make easy transfers in Salt Lake City (ease and cost)
- Reduce transfers
- Transfers need to be timely
- Keep the system simple
- Need good free fare zone in downtown with good frequency
- Free fare zone needs to be more frequent

Transit Service

- UTA needs to provide enough buses from hub to get South Davis passengers to destinations
- Transit needs to serve the growing ----- mass in downtown - build the system now to serve future needs
- Hospitality industry needs evening – night service
- Buses need to be sized for ridership – smaller buses for downtown
- Provide as much bus service as possible between Davis County and downtown location (outside of hub)
- Anyone needs to be able to easily figure out the system
- Two commercial centers (State Street and Gateway)
- 300 West / North Temple, LDS Business College (2000 students), BYU Extended Campus (coming August 2007)
- Buses #72 and #73 (300 West) are packed - #73 continues to the University of Utah

Parking

- Parking perception issues – people need to feel like they can leave their car behind
- Could have centralized parking at hub – would not need to drive in downtown

Congestion

- Downtown auto congestion discourages patronage
- Consolidated transit corridors (400 West) could make traffic operations more difficult, but would make transit more predictable

Pedestrians

- Pedestrian environment facilities around Intermodal Center must be upgraded – 200 South will be rebuilt

Friendly Roads

- Roads around Intermodal Center must be upgraded in general (cars, pedestrians, bikes, etc.)

Note: Strong market from Davis County

Identification of Goals and Objectives Exercise

Following is a list of Goals and Objectives identified by the Salt Lake City Sub-Committee members:

- Provide a choice to use transit that provides a convenient, reliable, and affordable alternative to the automobile
- Promotes a vibrant downtown that is accessible
- Creating different mode choices (pedestrian, transit, bike, automobile)
- Reduced pollution and improve air quality

Future Meetings

Roger Borgenicht and Dorothy Barlow will represent the Salt Lake City Sub-Committee at the Regional Workshops. The next sub-committee meeting will be held on May 2nd from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Salt Lake City and County Building, room 118.

Any discrepancies with this meeting summary, please notify Jacqueline Jensen.

Cc: Attendees, Project Contact List, Salt Lake City Sub-Committee Members